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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

VALVE

5. With regard to the abstract,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regards to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 2

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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A control for controlling the amount of heated fluid entering the inlet of the driving heat source for a refrigerant absorption cycle is controlled to vary the relative amount of heated fluid entering the driving heat source inlet, and being dumped to atmosphere. Preferably, a diverter valve is utilized such that a first valve body (40) communicates the flow into the driving heat source inlet, and moves in opposition to a second valve body (46) controlling the flow through the exhaust. The two valves bodies (40,46) are preferably mechanically linked. Since the heated fluid is not allowed to enter the refrigerant absorption cycle as its drive heating source, no additional hardware and control for dumping excess heat is necessary within the refrigerant absorption cycle. A computer control preferably drives the first valve to a precise position and the linkage ensures the second valve is also received at a precise position.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 F16K11/22 F25B49/04

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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